51. The method of claim 38 wherein the step of preparing further comprises marking cards with at least two colors; and wherein the step of accepting further comprises the step of accepting wagers on the occurrence of a particular number or a group of numbers or a color.

(New Claim) 52. The method of claim 38 wherein the handling apparatus in step (I) further comprises at least one second handling apparatus.

REMARKS

The specification provides support for the continuous dealing with multiple machines which can be found on page 8 lines 8-11 and on page 9 lines 13-17. The support for allowing the player to select the location in order to add to the player sense of control is found on page 9 lines 1-8 and page 7 lines 12-22 and page 8 lines 1-7 in the specification.

The two problems which are not rendered obvious by the prior art in this case is the use of one or more machines dealing, sequentially, multiple dice rolls utilizing multiple decks in order to provide for continuous play.

Dealing and continually reshuffling a single deck makes sense in games where statistical significance can be minimized based on the unique combinations associated with games such as black jack.

In a dice game, the statistical variation is provided based on the probability of a certain outcome utilizing a completely randomized result which requires reshuffling on every occasion.

The present patent shows the use of multiple decks being dealt by one or more machines sequentially in order to give continuous play where one deck can be reshuffled while another machine deals or where a machine could deal multiple hands before reshuffling the multiple decks from which one card from each deck is dealt at a time. It also teaches using multiple locations receiving cards from multiple decks (new claim 52).

Part of the reason that this works so poorly if the decks are not maintained separately, is that the absence of a single card can eliminate a range of results. For example, the absence of ones would prevent a 2 or a 3 from being possible. Such an absence would not be dis-positive in a game like blackjack, but is critical in the decision making process in a wager based on the 2 or the 3 appearing and hence constant reshuffling is necessary in a craps game.

Where multiple decks in traditional card handling have been used in order to change the odds and prevent counting, here multiple decks allow for continuous play and this is not taught in the prior art and is not suggested by the prior art even though there is a long felt and unfulfilled need for providing a method for more continuous and more randomized play.

One of the reasons that more randomized play is possible is that with modern card dealing technology as is taught in the patent, a card may be selected from a random location in a deck as opposed to having random shuffling of the deck.

What this means is that the cards can be put in in any order and the results are still randomized because of the random selection of the location from which the card is dealt.

The other modification taught herein is providing a method for dealing the cards but allowing player input. In traditional dice games, the player handling the dice allows for the player to have an effect on the randomization of the dice. In fact, some people have earned the reputation as being capable of manipulating the dice to a limited degree in order to affect the outcome.

While this extent of dice handling is undesirable, it is important to allow the players to know that the entire outcome is not controlled by a machine which may be manipulated.

In order to accomplish this, as set out in claim 45, the dealer is allowed to select the card which is utilized either before or after the card is dealt to a particular space.

This means that while the machine could presumably select one or more cards from which

to choose, ultimately the player has the decision as to which card is selected although this decision obviously has to be made prior to the time when the player knows what the card shows.

The claims have been amended in order to clearly show these improvements which were not clearly disclosed by the claims prior to this amendment.

A major innovation of the Dice Card Game over the existing prior art lies in the use of a mechanical dealing machine in order to select one or more random cards.

Similarly no other prior art game suggest one or more machines dealing sequentially multiple dice rolls utilizing multiple decks in series in order to provide for a continuous game.

Since this machine can deal from multiple decks, it allows for more continuous play.

Another improvement not present in the prior art, is the provision of multiple locations for the cards and the selection of a single card by the user, either in advance of the deal or subsequent to the deal.

This particular novel aspect of the game is not available or suggested in prior art craps games and gives the user of the game the ability to add a randomizing element is not present where a dealer deck of cards has the exclusive control over the deck. While few people have the ability to manipulate cards in this environment, this particular technology allows the user and added security of the game is randomized and not controlled by the house.

There is no prior art that suggests combining a selection of a card from multiple spaces and it is left at least one or multiple cards from a plurality of spaces and excluding other cards in a craps game wherein a number of cards are substituted for a number of dice.

CONCLUSION

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For all of the reasons advanced above, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance and that action is earnestly solicited.

1	No additional fee is believed necessary.
2	The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required
3	for this amendment, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 06-2129 in the name of Gregory
4	M. Friedlander.
5	In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that
6	requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition
7	for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized
8	to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time
9	to Deposit account 06-2129.
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HERE ARE THE CLAIMS MARKED UP: 1 Claims 1-37 have been cancelled. 2 First Amended 38. I claim a game for at least one player comprising the steps of: 3 a) preparing at least one first deck of cards representing the possible outcomes from a dice 4 means for determining a random number between a predetermined minimum and a predetermined 5 6 maximum; b) preparing at least one second deck of cards representing the possible outcomes from 7 a dice means for determining a random number from a predetermined minimum and 8 9 predetermined maximum; [b] c) providing at least one first wager location and at least one second wager location 10 for accepting a wager on at least one statistical event associated with the random generation of 11 dice rolls according to a set of rules based on statistical odds of the occurrence of specific dice 12 13 14 [c] d) accepting at least one wager on the at least one first wager location; [d] e) selecting at least one first card from the at least one first deck at random using an 15 electromechanical playing card handling apparatus for randomly shuffling and dealing the at least 16 17 one of said cards; [e] f) displaying the at least one first card; 18 - 19 f) displaying the at least one first card; 20 [f] g) satisfying wagers if the at least one first card matches the at least one statistical 21 event[.];

I) selecting at least one second card at random using an electromechanical playing card

h) accepting at least one wager at least one second wager location;

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- 1 handling apparatus for randomly shuffling and dealing the at least one second card from the at
- 2 <u>least one second deck;</u>
- j) displaying the at least one second card;
- 4 k) satisfying the at least one second wager if the at least one second card matches the at
- 5 least one statistical event.
- First Amended 39. The game of claim [2] 38 wherein the at least one first deck further comprises
 at least one third deck of cards representing the outcome from a dice means for determining a
- 8 random number between a predetermined minimum and a predetermined maximum and wherein
- 9 the step of selecting at least one first card at random further comprises selecting at least one first
- 10 card at random using an electromechanical playing card handling apparatus for randomly
- shuffling and dealing the at least one first card and selecting at lest one second first card from the
- 12 at least one third deck of cards using an electromechanical playing card handling apparatus for
- 13 randomly-shuffling and dealing; and wherein the step of displaying further comprises the step of
- 14 displaying the at least one first card second card and wherein the step of satisfying wagers
- 15 comprises the step of adding the at lest one first card and at least one second first card together
- 16 to determine if the at least one statistical event has occurred. [the step of preparing at least one
- 17 second deck of cards representing the outcome from a dice means for determining a random
- 18 number between a predetermined minimum and a predetermined maximum and wherein the step
- of selecting at least one first card at random further comprises selecting at least one second card
- 20 at random using an electromechanical playing card handling apparatus for randomly shuffling and
- 21 dealing the at least one second card and wherein the step of displaying further comprises the step
- 22 of displaying the at least one second card and wherein the step of satisfying wagers comprises the
- 23 step of viewing the at least one first card and at least one second card together to determine if the

- 1 at least one statistical event has occurred].
- 2 40. The game of claim 39 wherein at least one statistical event is determined from the statistical
- 3 events utilized in playing a game from the group comprised of 1) a traditional craps game, 2) a
- 4 Four The Money game, 3) a high roller of the month game, 4) a high low craps, and 5) a roulette
- 5 game.
- 6 First Amended 41. The game of claim 40 wherein the first set of cards and [second] third deck
- 7 [set] of cards represent the possible outcomes with a first and second dice having 6 sides.
- 8 42. The game of claim 38 further comprising at least one special card which represents an object
- 9 other than a number between the predetermined minimum and predetermined maximum and
- wherein the display of the special card provides a bonus to the wager.
- 11 43. The game of claim 42 wherein the bonus is from the group consisting of (1) allowing the
- 12 player to pick any number from at least one number between the predetermined minimum and
- 13 predetermined maximum for the value of the special card, (2) providing a multiple payout on
- wagers, (3) providing a special payout not related to a wager on the occurrence of the special
- 15 card, (4) providing a special payout related to a wager on the occurrence of the special card, (5)
- triggering an event to select an additional play, and (6) triggering an event to randomly select an
- 17 additional amount.
- 18 44. The game of claim [43] 42 wherein the special card also bears a number between the
- .19 predetermined minimum and pre-determined maximum.
- 20 First Amended 45. The game of claim 38 wherein the step of selecting further comprises the step
- 21 of selecting at least one first first card and at least one second [first] card and wherein the at least
- 22 one first card and at least one second card each represent a dice roll and wherein the step of
- 23 displaying further comprises a) preparing a table with a plurality of card locations comprising

1	at least one first card location and at least one second card location for receiving the at least one
2	first [first] card and the at least one second [first] card;
3	b) dealing the at least one first card and the at least one second card to the at least one
4	first card location and at least one second card location respectively; [to the plurality of card
5	locations;]
6	c) allowing the at least one player to select a location from between the at least one first
7	card location and at least one second card location; [at least one of the plurality of spaces;]
8	d) displaying the card in <u>location</u> [the at least one space] selected by the at least one
9	player.
10	First Amended 46. The method of claim [45] 39 wherein the step of selecting further comprises:
11	1) preparing a table with a plurality of card locations for receiving at least three cards from
12	each deck comprising a first card location, a second card location and at least one third card
_13	location:
14	m) dealing at least one first first card at lest one second first card and at least one third
15	first card to the plurality of card locations;
16	n) allowing the at least one player to select two of the plurality of card locations and not
17	select at least one of the plurality of card locations to select two play cards; and
· 18	o) adding the two play cards to determine the outcome. [further comprising the step of
.19	allowing the at least one player to select at least two of the plurality of spaces.]
20	First Amended 47. The game of claim [39] 46 [wherein the step of viewing] further [comprises]
21	comprising the step of removing and reshuffling the at least one first deck of cards and dealing
22	at least one first second card and at least one second second card and at least one third second
23	card from the at least one second deck of cards to the plurality of card location;

b) allowing the at least one player to select at least two of the plurality of card locations

2 and not select at least one of the plurality of card location so as to select at least two play cards;

3 c) adding the two play cards to determine a dice roll outcome. [adding the at least one first

4 card and at least one second card to determine the resulting total.]

5 48. The method of claim 38 further comprising repeating steps [b] c through [f] k until a

6 predetermined target number is generated as the statistical event.

7 First Amended 49. The method of claim [39] 40 wherein the at least one first deck comprises a

first first deck and a second first deck and the at least on second deck comprises a first second

9 deck and a second second deck and wherein the step of selecting comprises selecting a first card

10 from the first first deck and a second card from the second first deck and selecting a first card

from the first second deck and a second card from the second second deck and adding the first

and second cards from the first and second decks to get an outcome from each deck. [step of

selecting comprises selecting a first card from the first set of cards and a second card from the

14 second set of cards.

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15 50. The method of claim 38 further comprising the steps of (1) marking the value of the at least

one first card with an electronically readable value, (2) electronically examining the cards to

17 locate the marking, and (3) electronically displaying the value.

18 51. The method of claim 38 wherein the step of preparing further comprises marking cards with

at least two colors; and wherein the step of accepting further comprises the step of accepting

20 wagers on the occurrence of a particular number or a group of numbers or a color.

21 New Claim 52. The method of claim 38 wherein the handling apparatus in step (I) further

22 comprises at least one second handling apparatus.